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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mark Boerckel of United Township High School in East Moline has been named one of 10 winners of the Chicago Tribune's 2005 All-State Academic Team scholarship competition; and

WHEREAS, Each of the 10 All-State Academic Team winners receives a \$2,000 scholarship from the Chicago Tribune Foundation, which supports civic, educational, cultural, and journalistic endeavors; the 10 winners and 61 regional finalists also receive Olympic-style medallions; and

WHEREAS, The 250 high school seniors entered in the competition all demonstrated strong academic achievement and involvement in their communities, but the 10-member All-State Academic Team winners are especially impressive; each maintains an A average despite carrying numerous advanced placement and honors courses; and

WHEREAS, Mark Boerckel is a straight A student who is enrolled in every Advanced Placement course available at his school; he scored a 35 out of 36 on the ACT exam; and

WHEREAS, His hard work and dedication have made him a National Merit Finalist; and

WHEREAS, He is also a stand-out athlete at his school; he is the captain of his swim team and holds the record in the Quad Cities area for the 200-meter free style; and

WHEREAS, He plans to attend Clemson University on a full scholarship, where he hopes to major in business or economics; and

WHEREAS, He is very involved in his community serving as a

1 youth leader in his church; and

2 WHEREAS, His greatest love is magic; last year, he launched
3 a business as a professional magician and has performed a dozen
4 shows across East Moline; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we commend Mark Boerckel on his outstanding achievement and
8 commitment to excellence and extend our sincere best wishes for
9 success and happiness in the years to come; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Mark Boerckel as an expression of our admiration
12 and esteem.